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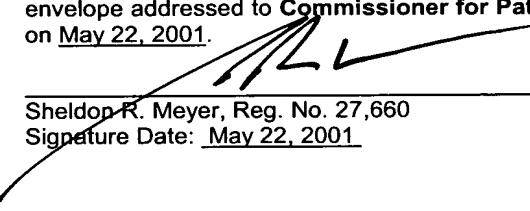
In re Application

Inventors: DeOrnelas, et al.) PATENT APPLICATION
SC/Serial No.: 09/692,007)
Filed: October 19, 2000)
Title: METHOD FOR USING A HARD MASK
FOR CRITICAL DIMENSION GROWTH
CONTAINMENT)
Customer No. 23910)

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